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Healthy Church: The Love Avenue

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love av·e·nue

/ləv/ /'avə,n(y)ōō/

noun

1. the space where we corporately & individually engage within our neighborhood with tangible acts that reflect the love of God

2. All neighborhood-engagement events that inherently create pathways connecting back to the life of your church

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examples:

- Going to local events
- Offering church facilities as a community activity center
- A back-to-school fair followed by a blessing of the children

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The Three M's

The Love Avenue consists of three main components:

1. Mapping your Neighborhood
2. Making Friends/Disciples
3. Missional Activities & Events

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1. Mapping your Neighborhood

/'mapiNG/ /yôr/ /'nābər,hooD/

verb

1. Through participation and prayer, discerning the unique context of your neighborhood (people groups, lifestyles, needs, etc.)

examples:

- Prayer walks
- Visiting farmers markets, YMCA, etc.
- Joining your neighborhood Facebook page

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2.

Making Friends/Disciples

/'mākiNG/ /frends/ /də'sīpəls/

verb

1. Being in the marketplace daily
2. Sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors in tangible ways through relationship

examples:

- Consistently spending time at the same coffee shop or joining a local health club
- Along with other church members, participating in community programs and interest groups (book club, coaching, etc.)

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Missional Activities/Events

/ˈmɪʃənəl/ /akˈtɪvədēs/ /əˈvents/

verb

1. serving and loving the community with a purpose and intentional connection back to the life of the church

examples:

- A back-to-school fair followed by a blessing of the children
- Celebrating a recent neighborhood camp during a church service

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